



## **Transit Services**

April 15, 2016

Anthony R. Foxx  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: FY 2016, Letter of Support for the City of Wichita's U.S. Department of Transportation's TIGER Discretionary Grant Application

Dear Mr. Foxx:

The Wichita Transit Advisory Board provides this letter in support to the City of Wichita and Wichita State University TIGER grant application – **Multi-Modal Transportation Connections for the Wichita State University Innovation Campus.**

The Transit Advisory Board is familiar with the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant program offered through the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). We understand that the initiative's goal is to encourage states and localities to work together to bring more innovative, cross-modal proposals to the table and that priority will be given to transportation projects demonstrating strong collaboration among a broad range of stakeholders and projects that are the product of a robust planning process.

This proposal is consistent with goals of Wichita Transit as identified in the Wichita Transit Vision Plan. Developed from two years of research and public input the Vision Plan recognizes that expansion of public transit service will benefit the community and our citizens. The City of Wichita's multi-modal transportation connectivity proposal will improve and expand access to WSU's Innovation Campus through improvements to streets, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure.

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The City of Wichita- WSU **Multi-Modal Transportation Connections for the Wichita State University Innovation Campus** will provide the following:

- Improved transit service and facilities will expand employment and educational opportunities for disadvantaged populations improving their economic status and quality of life by, given that the Innovation Campus is located in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.
- The establishment of a transit intensive corridor will support the growth and reliability of a multi-modal transportation network in the community.
- The improvement of transit service in this corridor will benefit the remainder of the system through increased usage and reliability.
- Utilizing the concept of unlimited access the project will provide WSU students and staff unlimited access to the entire community.
- An improved multi-modal network will have positive environmental impacts by reducing dependence on oil and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Provide the potential for denser residential and employment patterns and the leveraging of mass transit.

The Transit Advisory Board believes that making strategic long-term investments, the Innovation Campus and the transportation infrastructure around it will provide long lasting benefit to the community. We urge your favorable consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Fanimokun", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Moji Fanimokun

Chair

Wichita Transit Advisory Board